



### **CMI VICE-PRESIDENT *HONORIS CAUSA* LECTURES AT IMLI**

Professor Frank L. Wiswall, Jr. (Vice-President *Honoris Causa* of CMI) visited the Institute from 28 November to 7 December 2011 and lectured to the 23<sup>rd</sup> generation of IMLI lawyers. The first set of lectures was dedicated to the study of “Maritime Legal History”, whereas the second part of his lectures focused on “Maritime Legislation Drafting”.

Professor Wiswall’s lectures on Maritime Legal History provided the students with an understanding of how maritime law has developed and why it has developed in particular ways. Professor Wiswall explained that, in the case of maritime law, the vast majority of surviving historical records available to the researcher are largely Mediterranean and European in orientation. He noted, however, that students in the classroom who are from other global regions should not assume that the history of their own country is being ignored. During the second week of his stay Professor Wiswall lectured on maritime legislation drafting and the adoption of national and international maritime legislation. He explained, in particular, the process by which international maritime legislation is developed in the IMO.



*Professor Frank L. Wiswall, Jr. meeting students of the Class of 2011/2012*

Professor Wiswall has been a visiting fellow at IMLI's LL.M. programme since 1991. His contribution to the work of the Institute dates back at the time when the LL.M. programme's syllabus was being prepared. He has been for a number of years a Member of the IMLI Governing Board and was also appointed a member of the IMLI Academic Committee. Professor Wiswall is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, and was the 1969 Yorke Prizeman of the University of Cambridge. He is the author of several published works to be found in the IMLI Library.

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